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MINIATURE OPTICAL HEAD WITH INTEGRATED SCANNING FOR PRODUCING A HOMOGENEOUS IMAGE AND CONFOCAL IMAGING SYSTEM USING SAID HEAD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 September 25, 2006

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

As the USPTO has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and patent publication for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. references are <u>not</u> enclosed, as the present application is filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the following items is that we are advised by our client that these references were discovered during any searches they or

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their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application:

5,742,419; 5,907,425; 6,007,208; 6,057,952; 6,088,145; 6,091,067; 6,154,305; 6,172,789; 6,294,775; 2002/0018276; and WO 00/16151.

In addition, the remaining documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are also made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these latter items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited by the French Patent Office in the corresponding French Application Serial No. 0315627, filed December 31, 2003 and in the corresponding International Application No. PCT/FR2004/003402, filed December 29, 2004. Copies of the French and International Search Reports in which they were cited are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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